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Debbie Richardson, 18, of St. Catharines, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, models retro clothing from the Blue Moon clothing store in St. Catharines. See additional photos from our fashion shoot on pages 10 and 11.

Photo by Michelle Adey

Big Boss wins big battle

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

The battle is over. Big Boss is the winner.

It was a night of competition that lasted six hours.

Seventeen bands from southern Ontario competed to win a recording studio certificate ($500 value) as well as other prizes.

Big Boss was the eighth band to compete.

The crowd was excited and cheered loudly when the five-member group was done.

Most of the members from Big Boss, the first-place winner, are from St. Catharines: Eric Lett, 19, Denis Serron, 20, Matt DiFranco, 22, and Joshua Case, 20. Case, who is originally from the United States, lives in St. Catharines.

Geoff Collins, 20, from Dunnville, is the final member of the band. At least one member of the band must be a Niagara College student. Collins is in his first-year Art and Design Fundamentals — Graphic Design Production program. He will represent the college as part of the the band, in Toronto.

As first-place winners, the band received an invitation to the regional finals, hosted by Lee's Palace in Toronto. They will represent Niagara College and the Niagara Region. After Hours will pay the $250 entry fee.

The band will also receive a paid performance at After Hours pub and a possible opportunity to play with the other two top winning bands that performed on Feb. 2.

With the recording studio certificate, the band will be able to record a demo or to re-record an old song to make it top quality. The $500 pays for about 11 hours of studio time.

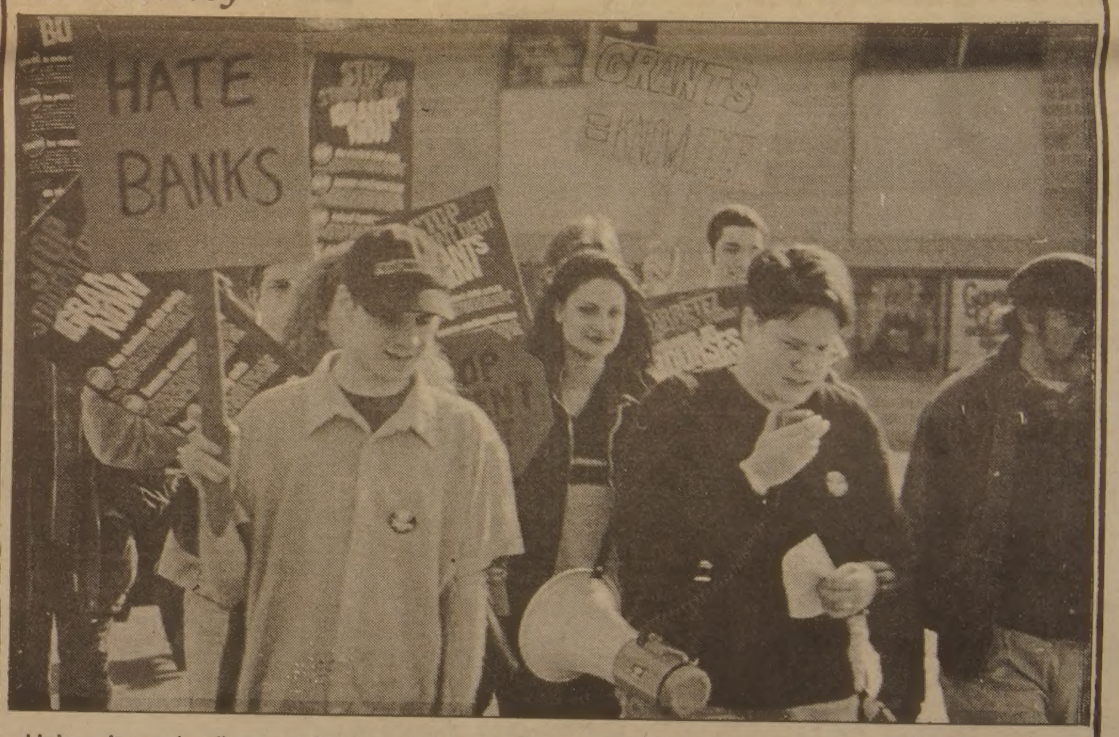
If Big Boss wins at Lee's Palace, the band will go on to win a 1998 membership for the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA), a Business Hall booth at the National COCA Conference in Toronto for 1998 and a Showcase Slot at the National COCA Conference in Toronto for 1998.

The judges were selected from around the Niagara Region. They were Sonia Fenney, senior marketing representative for *Pulse* magazine, Jamie McHearn, musician and music author, Paul Black, music director for CRNC, and Dan Colossimo, a local musician. They based their decision on talent, stage presence and originality.

These were the three winners: third place, a three-member a cappella band from Toronto and Brantford called AZ 1; second place, Hyperion, a three-member band from Grimsby; and first-place, Big Boss, the five-member band from St. Catharines.

See additional story and photos on page 12.

Mo' money



University and college students march to the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at Brock University during a rally against student debt. See page 20 for more photos and stories.

Photo by Jeff Schelhas

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

College experience counts in board election

He's running for Niagara College's board of governors with almost three decades of experience under his belt.

Bill Munroe, 56, of Welland, is one of two candidates for faculty representative on the Niagara College Board of Governors. In the Feb. 9-11 election, a new faculty representative will be elected to serve a three-year term beginning in September.

'I have tried to thrust towards people on a personal level.'
— Bill Munroe

Munroe has been a full-time faculty member at the college for 29 years. His experience at Niagara includes 20 years as co-ordinator of the Human Relations program, and he has worked on designing curriculum for "a wide variety of courses," says a flyer released by Munroe.

He completed a masters of education degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1977 after attending Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo for undergraduate studies.

Munroe is an instructor in computer literacy courses at Niagara. He says he has also worked to develop Canadian content in programs at the college.

As an instructor, Munroe says "the decisions made at the board of governors level are going to have an effect on me and my students."

Munroe says he has concerns about accessibility, the quality of the environment here and "key performance indicators."

With this system in effect, a program's funding will depend on things such as employer satisfaction and student success in the program.

"I want to make sure people are aware of the impact of this — whether it will jeopardize or enhance the college's future."

"The environment has an impact on all these other things," according to Munroe.

He says he wants to do his part to make the college "as environmentally sound as possible," which means improving recycling, air circulation, and the "general condition of the building."

Munroe's campaign has focused on meeting and talking to as many people as possible.

"I have tried to thrust towards people on a personal level."

He says he is trying to spread the word not only about his own campaign, but also about the importance of a good showing at next week's election.

Without a fight, it's all over.

The race to elect a new student representative to the college's board of governors ended Monday with the withdrawal of Thomas Dunn.

Don Woodruff, the last remaining candidate, will be automatically acclaimed to the position.

Dunn told Woodruff Monday he was dropping out of the running.

As of press time, Dunn could not be reached for comment.

All election stories
By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Woodruff said, "It will save me time and money that I would have spent on my campaign," adding that he would have liked the competition.

He said he expects his time with the board to be a "wonderful" experience.

"I hope I can do the job that the students would like an elected person to do," said Woodruff.

He said he looks forward to being involved with the development of the new campus and the direction of the college.

With a melee of flyers, pamphlets and posters, Craig McKay has launched his campaign for faculty representative.

McKay and Bill Munroe are the two faculty members running in the upcoming Niagara College Board of Governors election Feb. 9-11.

McKay, 51, of West Lincoln, says he was asked to run by "a number of people."

McKay completed a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Brock University, in St. Catharines, in 1970, and an master of arts degree in English from Niagara University, in Lewiston, N.Y., in 1976.

He has been part of the full-time faculty at Niagara College since 1970.

'I'm taking it seriously and I intend to do a serious job.'
— Craig McKay

McKay is on sabbatical leave until the end of May. Rather than teaching his normal schedule of classes, he is working on a "pilot project." He says the project is focusing on the redesigning of the first-year English course.

As former president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 242, McKay says he has dealt with the board of governors in the past.

He says he has enough experience and involvement with the college to "confidently convey the views of faculty."

"I think it's important that (the position of faculty representative) is here to report to the people."

McKay has put up posters and distributed pamphlets highlighting some of his accomplishments.

"I want (the faculty) to know who I am and what I've done," adding he's done all campaigning at his own cost.

"I'm taking it seriously and I intend to do a serious job."

If elected to the position of faculty representative, McKay says he wants to "take a look at how we can make (college) better, not just cheaper."

"I think it's important to not only worry about cutting costs."

He says if programs are filling a need and making money, they should be supported. According to McKay, too many programs are being cut.

"If we keep losing (programs), there aren't going to be any left."

In agreement with Munroe, McKay says he's "tried to indicate the value of a high voter turnout," adding he'd like to see the winner elected by a majority of faculty members.

Calling all Bands

The Niagara News is looking for bands from around Niagara that are interested in being in our 2nd Music Supplement *"Riding the Riff II,"* to be published March 20.
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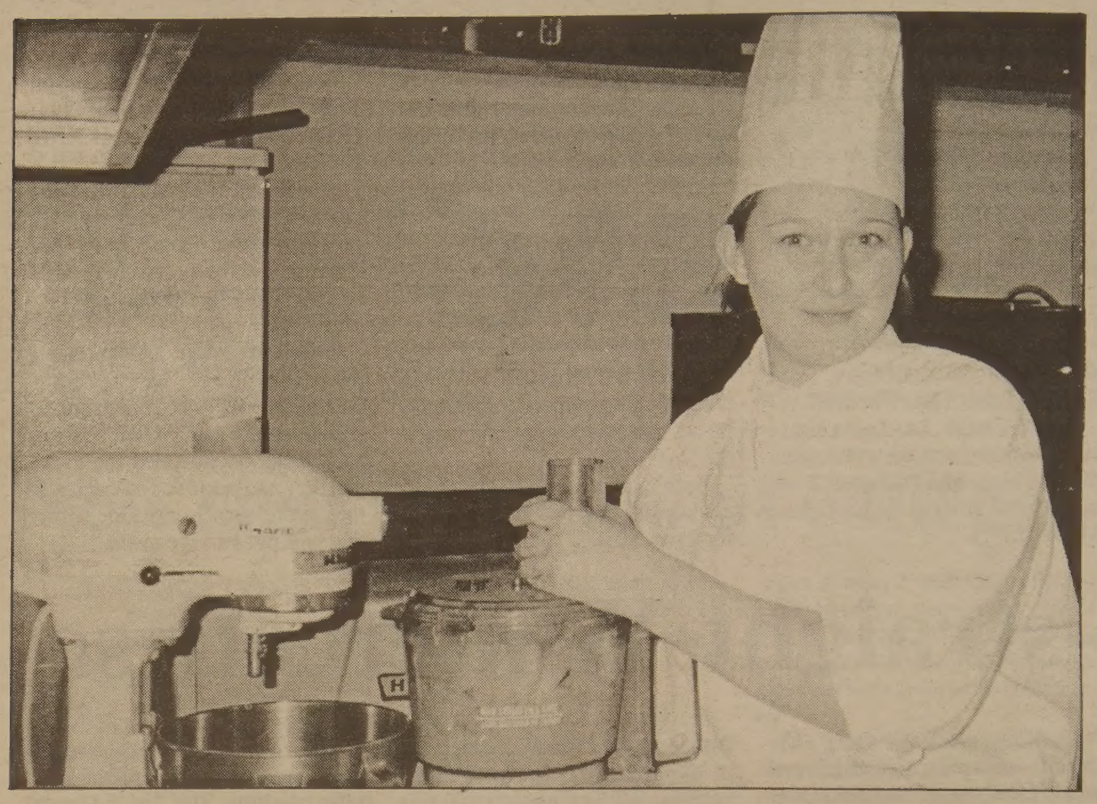
MAID OF THE MIST CENTRE

70 guests attended college's Showcase of Chefs



Cinnamon-scented duck breast on fennel is pureed by Melissa Embree, of Nova Scotia, a second-year Culinary Arts program student. This was part of the main entree at the Showcase of Chefs on Jan. 26.

Photo by Sharon Whaling

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

After six hours of preparation by several dedicated students, the Maid of the Mist's Kerrio Room hosted its first Showcase of Chefs dinner for 1998 on Jan. 26.

Students from the Culinary Skills and Hotel and Restaurant Administration programs volunteered to serve about 70 guests fine cuisine and wine.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson attended the event and says the showcase celebrates the chefs of the Niagara region and promotes Niagara wines.

"It is our way of reaching out to the community," says Patterson.

Commenting between courses, J. Mark Hand, chef de cuisine at Niagara, and Dan Speck, sales representative, Henry of Pelham Family Estate Wineries, addressed the guests, explaining why each food was chosen and why each wine complemented the food.

"The salad has no dressing, no oil, no vinegar; therefore, the Reisling will act as a dressing," says Hand.

This showcase featured Chef Erik Peacock, of the Wellington Court Cafe, located on Wellington Street in St. Catharines. His sous-chef, Caroline McCann, assisted him in preparing the menu.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvre in the front foyer of the Dunn Street campus before Hotel and Restaurant Administration students escorted them to their reserved tables.

The rest of the evening consisted of savoring the excellently prepared food and selected wine.

The event was open to the public, although reservations were required. Tickets were $52 and covered the costs of the food, wine and taxes.

The next Showcase of Chefs will be Feb. 23 with Steven Treadwell, of the Queen's Landing Inn and Conference Resort in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

A gala showcase of all the chefs is slated for March 23. Tickets, at $75 a person, are available by calling (905) 735-2211 ext. 3602.

Teamwork evident among hospitality students

Above, Jamie Jarvis, of Newfoundland, a second-year Hotel and Administration program student, serves hors d'oeuvre. Her in-class training is applied at social events in the Kerrio Room. To the right, behind the scenes at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls, Shaun Milligan, a second-year Hotel and Administration program student, works hard to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Photos by Sharon Whaling

Come dine with us

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

Classroom lectures and notetaking are only small parts of the Hotel and Restaurant Administration (HRA) program at Niagara College.

Several evenings throughout the year, students volunteer their time and apply what they've learned to special events.

"For the dining room practicum, the students take what they learn in the classroom and extend it," says Debby Willms, a member of the Hospitality and Tourism Division part-time faculty and management. "A lot of teamwork is involved with the students."

Asked why students volunteer, Sharon Vandersar, third-year HRA student, says one of the best opportunities the program offers her is "meeting with the people every night and meeting/working with the different chefs."

Although the practical experience is voluntary, Willms says she has "an excellent class" and doesn't have a problem getting students to help with special events.

"Yes, we volunteer, but the connections you make make it worthwhile," says Vandersar.

Rich Szpilewski, also a HRA student, says the volunteering gives students more experience: "A lot of people from the industry come (to the events) and recognize your face."

Some of the students have never served a table in their life before attending college, says Willms.

It enables students to overcome their fear of working with the public.

Aside from providing practical experience for the students, and despite the hours offered after scheduled classroom hours, it allows the students to enjoy what they are doing and "have fun," says Vandersar.

"It gives everyone a positive learning experience," says Vandersar.

The three-year program is offered with September and January start dates at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student council issues January expenses

NIAGARA COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) spent $19,909.43 in December. SAC has spent $163,442.78 during the past five months.

View An Ad is a Toronto-based company handling advertising for the yearbook to be distributed at graduation.

The Yuk Yuk's fee of $4,119.50 is the cost for the comedians for the Comedy Nights held at After Hours every Wednesday night. The payment is for the months of January and February.

The proceeds from September's SAC Shinerama assisted people with cystic fibrosis.

"SAC raised the amount from the Shinerama event and we donated the amount to individuals who suffer from cystic fibrosis," said SAC President Don Woodruff.

Anoop Chugh, SAC's executive vice-president was the event organizer. Shinerama included a car wash and raffle that raised $1,395.51.

These are a few of the funds committed by the Student Administrative Council in January.	
View An Ad	$4,658.79
Yuk Yuk's	$4,119.50
Cystic Fibrosis	$1,393.51
SOCAN	$1,133.76
Welland Transit City Hall	$ 875.00
Architectural School Products	$ 718.75
Roto Static	$ 663.40
Price Club	$ 573.60

SOCAN is a national institution responsible for copyrights on recorded music. SAC pays a fee of $1,133.76 to the entertainment agency to allow After Hours to play recorded music.

SAC

Welland Transit City Hall receives the payment for monthly passes that students can purchase in the SAC office.

Architectural School Products is a company that has made designs for a new student centre to be built at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

Roto Static is a Port Robinson carpet cleaning company that cleaned all the carpets at After Hours.

The Price Club bill covered the cost of toys for the Christmas party in December. SAC held the Christmas party for the children of Niagara College students and faculty.

"It was excellent and we had a great turnout," said Cindy Blanchard, SAC office manager. "This was also the first time Niagara staff members attended the event and they had positive feedback and they were surprised in the effort that was put into the event."

Team wins third-straight Wintercourse

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

The Drunken Lazy Bastards (DLB) team won its third straight title during the Event Formally Known As Wintercourse.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has closed the books on the week-long event that began on Jan. 26 and wrapped up on Jan. 30.

Michael Berry, 23, SAC's vice-president of athletic affairs, organized the event.

Jason Nicks, Paul Chaymont, Chris Bradnam, Vince Mannell, Bill Plaschka and Tom Hopkins are the members that make up the first-place team. The team received free use of a limousine for eight hours on a date to be decided later and each member received $100.

"It's great to win again and the prizes are even better this year," said Bill Plaschka, 23, Mechanical Engineering and Technology program student. "The week is called Wintercourse and I wished more events were held outside and it's too bad that more teams didn't show up."

The event had six teams participate in the eight events. The other teams that participated were the second-placed Bodacious Tatas, the third-placed Dazed and Confused team, MMM Beer, Tetsuo and the Crapaccino Boyz.

The first events were Pass Your Balls and the Great Ski-Off which were held outside on Jan. 26. DLB won the first event of the week, beating the competition by more than a minute in the Great Ski-Off. The second event, Pass Your Balls, was won by the Dazed and Confused team.

The rest of the events were held indoors at After Hours, beginning on Tuesday with the event Playing With Yourself Pays Off. This included playing two different arcade games at After Hours. DLB tied for first with MMM Beer in the

MICHAEL BERRY

car racing video game competition, while Tetsuo came out on top in the Mortal Combat showdown.

The Bodacious Tatas won both of Wednesday's events placing first in the Pea Sucking and Jello Sucking Chili Chucking Vomit Ducking Eat Out.

"The chili-eating contest is a completely sick event. It's nasty and rude, but damn it's fun and it's free food," said Matt Lowery, of Beamsville, 20, a General Arts and Science program student.

The teams showed off their singing voices during Thursday's Wailing Cat Karaoke competition. The Bodacious Tatas and the Crapaccino Boyz tied for first place.

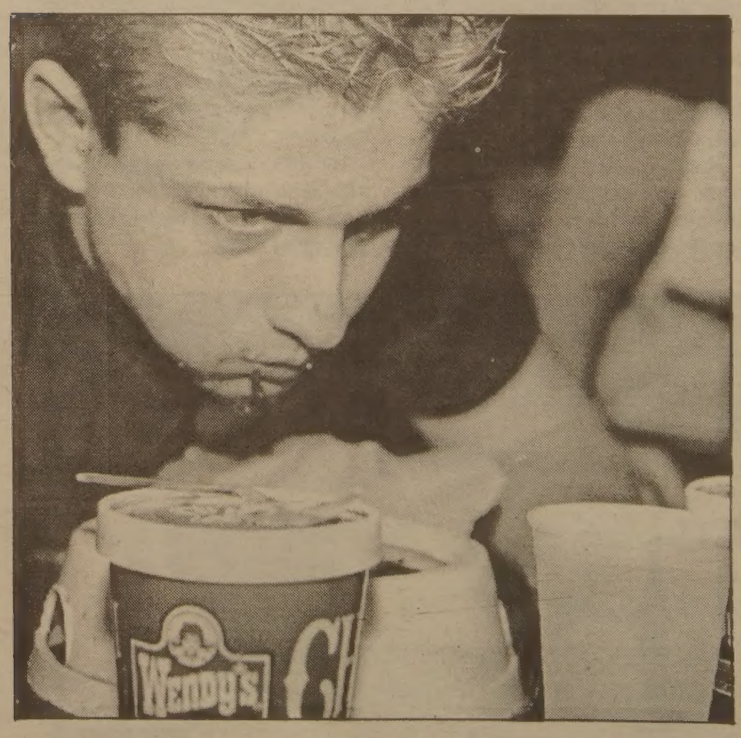
During the first of the week, teams were given an itemized list to gather for the Scavenger Hunt. Items the teams had to find ranged from an Elvis Presley watch to any sex toy and even a copy of a Niagara News newspaper. DLB and the Bodacious Tatas found all 28 items tying for first place.

"This event was a great way to meet people and to interact with other students. The SAC office is doing a great job," said Lowery, a member of the MMM BEER team.

"It was a lot of fun and it was nice to participate in something SAC was holding because they made the effort to put on the event and we made the effort back," said Melanie Kuronen, of Welland, 21, a second-year Business Sales program student.

"It was a blast, a lot of fun and I would definitely do it again," said Jeremy Vallee, 19, a first-year Computer Analyst program student.

"I had a good time and there was good participation," said Berry. "Some of the events could have run better and I will get more student input on the event for next year, but overall I'm happy with the event."



A Niagara student takes part in the Jello Sucking Chili Chucking Vomit Ducking Eat Out event.
Photo Dave Barnhardt

The Tetsuo team participates in the Pass Your Balls event.
Photo by Mark Riehl

Student Administrative Council President Don Woodruff makes use of the Wintercourse T-shirts.
Photo by Mark Riehl

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Information on the go

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

The information is moving.

The St. Catharines Learning Resource Centre (LRC) was added to the campus four years ago. It focuses on the main group users, Ontario Basic School students and Technical (machine shop and welding) students.

Most new books are in the environmental field, as a number of environmental books were transfered from the Welland campus LRC. "We are very grateful for all of the material that was transferred," said Maria Edelman, campus librarian.

The LRC staff is preparing for the move to the new Glendale campus, which will take place before Sept. 6. Most of St. Catharines' material will be going to the Glendale campus, although some will go to Welland. The move will take place sometime in August.

"We're looking forward to it, but with mixed emotions," said Edleman. "We'll have windows," she added.

The open access lab adjoins the LRC, with a door that closes with the LRC's schedule. A separate door remains open until 10 p.m.

The lab houses five Pentium processors, as well as older computers to type on. Ebsco Host, which is new to all of the campuses, will soon be available at St. Catharines.

"Hopefully, very, very soon," said Edleman.

There is a jet printer available in the LRC and a CD-ROM, which will be hooked up shortly.

New sign program at college

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a sign, you are sure to find one at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The Sign Production Technician program started Jan. 26.

"It is only the third program in Canada," said Tym Hrycusko, 35, of St. Catharines, the program's coordinator.

The 22-week course is a "pilot program."

Hrycusko said with only 16 students enrolled at this time he hopes the program will develop into a two- or three-year apprenticeship program.

The program teaches "new techniques," as well as the "old traditional methods," said Hrycusko.

The program covers "all aspects of the sign industry," including design and fabrication.

Students enrolled in the program "will be going to school for 35 hours a week," and later will be required to complete a work placement between June 3 and June 26.

Hrycusko said the program got "a great response from the sign industry."

The program was "developed with members of the Sign Association of Canada."

Hrycusko said the program is located in the "area space in the old maintenance department."

Co-op essential experience

Employers look for co-operative experience

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Success.

It is hard to acquire but with a co-op program it is highly possible.

Co-operative programs offer students who have not yet graduated an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and training in a related field. These are paid positions.

Beth Schier-Pett, marketing co-ordinator, and her Business Administration-Marketing (Co-op) program students said co-op makes students more prepared for the workplace.

She said the program really helps people decide what they want to do "when they grow up." She said the "eight months of co-op does give you enough insight."

The Business Administration-Marketing (Co-op) students must successfully complete two years of their program before becoming eligible for co-op. They go on their co-op and then return to school for their final term.

Schier-Pett said once her students return, they really understand the curriculum.

"They've been there and they understand. It becomes real."

Schier-Pett said, from an employer's standpoint, co-op shows students are committed and have the skills and the responsibility. Students are often hired full time at their placement once they graduate.

Mike Anger, 21, of Welland, took co-op at The Book Depot in St. Catharines from April 1997 through January 1998.

"I started off on the Internet and then a position became available for head of marketing. I applied and got the job," said Anger.

Anger held that position for the last 4 1/2 months of his co-op.

> ***'I know twice as much about computers than I did before' -Mike Anger***

He said that "you can't go into a co-op without having the basic knowledge you get here (at the college)," but he learned more there than in a whole term here.

"I know twice as much about computers than I did before," said Anger.

Anger had started a business consulting company, which The Book Depot contracted right away. He plans to pursue the business once he finishes school in April.

Tina Moulton, 20, of Kitchener, came to Niagara because of the co-op program offered here.

"The eight-month co-op is what attracted me," said Moulton.

She said other schools' co-ops are not as long.

Moulton said the program offers a "competitive advantage" over other schools and here you get the experience you need.

She took two co-ops. Her first one was acting as co-ordinator of the Summer Solstice Festival in Port Dalhousie. The last four months she has worked at the Canadian Industrial Innovation Centre.

She said it gave her "an understanding of the corporate world" and gave her the opportunity to apply the skills she learned in school to the working world.

Moulton works part time for the Innovation Centre and said there is a good possibility she'll work there full time following graduation.

Voula Panagakis, 22, of Niagara Falls, worked at Maple Leaf Foods Inc. for her co-op.

"It gave me the hands-on experience that you don't get in a classroom."

She said through her "practical" experience she gained many contacts which could help her in the future.

Panagakis said there is a "great potential" Maple Leaf Foods will take her back once she completes this term.

Technology important

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Computer skills are a necessity in today's job market.

Barb Murphy, 41, of Niagara Falls, has worked at the St. Catharines Learning Resource Centre (LRC) since September 1997. She is a library technician, a position which includes processing new material for the LRC.

In the past, she has worked at several libraries, including the Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines, where she worked for seven years. She has also worked at the Niagara Falls Public Library.

In 1997, Murphy graduated from Niagara College's Computer Network Operations course at the Welland campus. "It helped me to help them (the LRC) with their CD tower and their computer lab," she said.

Maria Edleman, campus librarian, said, "It has been a godsend to have her."

In 1978, Murphy graduated from the Library Technician course offered at Niagara College. She attended Brock University in St. Catharines for one year.

BARB MURPHY

"I worked in the library in high school," she said. "I liked the idea of helping people find information."

"Technology has changed so much, but the goal is the same," said Murphy. "There are different ways of getting information now," she added.

Grad now LRC tech

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Education is a continuous process.

Charlotte Boyd, 46, of Niagara Falls, graduated from Niagara College in 1974. She was in the Library Technician program at the Welland campus.

"My interest started with trades," she said.

Boyd began work at the St. Catharines Learning Resource Centre (LRC) in September of 1974. She said she found her work "quite interesting."

Boyd has since taken courses in nursing and psychology to keep up with the students she assisted when she worked at the Mack Centre. The Mack Centre closed in 1997, and she is now "helping with this move because of the move I just did," she said.

The St. Catharines campus LRC will be relocating to the Glendale campus during August 1998.

"We're preparing for it," she said.

CHARLOTTE BOYD

Pay more for co-op programs

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Monique Morin, co-operative education consultant, said students in programs with co-op pay a higher tuition because they get full use of the Career Office in Simcoe 101 at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The students have 16 hours of class time to learn about resumes, letter writing and interviews, and guest speakers come to share their knowledge with the students.

The bulletin board in front of Simcoe 101 has a list of job postings of available jobs for specific programs.

The Career Office provides a resume service and access to services such as fax machines. Co-op students can also find employer files in the library.

"We also monitor them (students)," said Morin.

The students are monitored so college job counsellors can see how job searches are going and also gain employer input. This way if an employer feels the student should have had, for example, more computer experience, it could be incorporated into the program.

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'Moo've over Dolly

They've done it again.

Recently scientists from the University of Massachusetts announced they had developed the process of engineering identical baby Holstein calves by using cells from cow fetuses.

This process is different from the cloning of the sheep Dolly in Scotland last year because that process used an adult cell to clone the new sheep.

In a recent Maclean's magazine article, the University of Massachusetts' scientists said this new form of cloning is simpler. They hope to use the cloned cows as "living factories" to produce substances for treating various diseases such as Parkinson's and diabetes.

Certainly most Canadians will agree curing these illnesses is important, but at what cost? Many Canadians believe cloning is dangerous and just a form of "playing God."

Shouldn't moral issues override scientific thought?

Yes, this "simpler" form of cloning may be cheaper than using chemical factories to test theories, but if cloning is suddenly easier to do, who will control access to the whole cloning process?

If access to this "simpler" way of cloning falls into the wrong hands, society could be facing a number of problems.

Imagine the ability to easily create a cloned army.

Certainly this is extreme, but if the wrong people learn this new technology, the cloned army is a possibility.

The fact that such possibilities arise should be enough to stop the cloning process altogether.

Curing disease is an important issue as society advances toward the future, but perhaps our scientists should focus on more ethical ways of curing the world's problems rather than technological breakthroughs which sometimes create them.

Carrie White

Together we're strong

United we stand, divided we fall.

Never has this statement been so true. Globalization and amalgamation are buzzwords of the 1990s.

Team Canada's trade mission was designed to break down trade barriers and bring countries together in this new global market.

Ontario's provincial government's insight to this opening global market has affected many of its decisions with the amalgamation of Toronto and neighboring cities.

Compromises are being made worldwide with the Pope's recent visit to Cuba, and within the European Union and the Asian Pacific Economic Community. Canada, the USA and Mexico started this in the late 1980s with the development of the North American Free Trade Act.

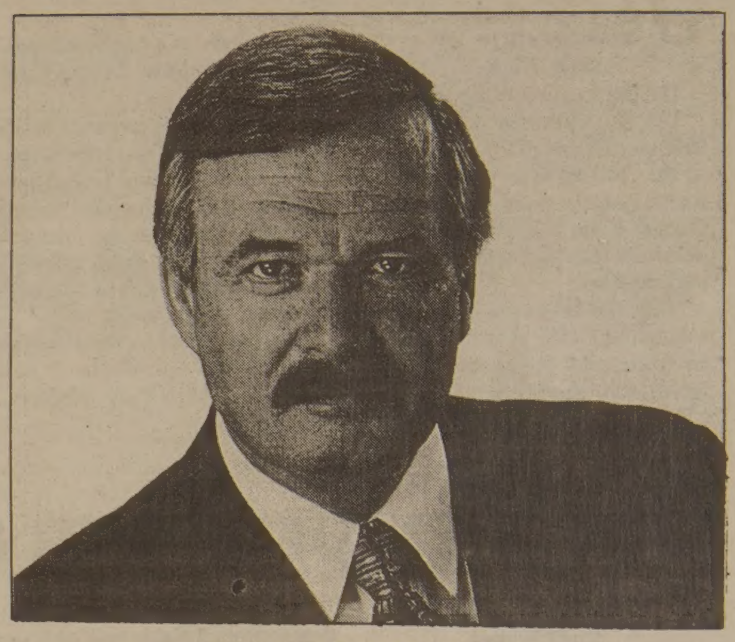
This new broad perspective of the world's open market has put pressure on the little people, forcing the smaller communities to unite or be forgotten.

In the Niagara region it has taken the gumption of a woman to lead the way in the battle to survive downloading, amalgamation and a competitive global market.

Niagara Region Chair Debbie Zimmerman has made her rounds to all the municipalities of the Niagara region urging politicians to work together for the total good. Joined by Regional Councillors Bruce Timms, Stan Brickell and Mike Collins, Zimmerman is trying to form a partnership of communities to deal with downloading.

Kevin McKee

Big plans for Niagara



WAYNE THOMSON

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

Keeping his finger on the pulse of the community is very important to the mayor of Niagara Falls.

Wayne Thomson, serving in his sixth term as mayor, says a politician can't lose touch with "the rank and file" of the community. He says the most important thing is to stay involved, to be aware of what is going on and to attend as many functions as possible.

"Time is a major factor. It is difficult to find enough time in the day to do all the things the job requires," says Thomson.

Whether it is helping a senior with a snowplowing problem or helping a new business to get set up, Thomson says he can see his accomplishments on a daily basis, and they give him great satisfaction.

His dreams for Niagara Falls are varied. He would like to see a permanent site for the casino and a convention centre announced. "This would bring in about $1 billion in jobs and prosperity in all types of businesses," says Thomson.

He says that for 20 years he has been working on a Disney-type monorail to serve a six-mile loop throughout the city. "All the consultants but one have turned in their reports, and we expect the last report in within the next six months."

Several companies have offered to build the monorail free of charge and run it at no cost to the city, but Thomson says he is looking at a partnership between the city and one of these companies for the $200-million project.

Thomson would also like to see the completion of a commercial and/or factory outlet mall. There are three companies vying for the market now.

All of this, and dealing with the provincial downloading, the removal of grants, and the city budget mean little spare time for this busy person. Although he doesn't have the time to cook himself, he has provided a recipe for us.

CAESAR SALAD DRESSING

1 large egg
1/2 fresh squeezed lemon
1/4 cup parmesan cheese
1 clove of garlic, pressed
1 anchovy
1/4 cup canola oil

Mix the garlic and anchovy, creating a paste. Add the egg, then the oil and continue to mix. Add the lemon juice and refrigerate the dressing. Clean lettuce and tear into pieces, using romaine or leaf lettuce. Re-mix dressing, pour over lettuce, then toss until mixed thoroughly. Add parmesan. Serve immediately.

*note—Anchovy is optional, and croutons add texture to salads.

From The Hip

Justice served for Tucker, Texas style

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Hammering a pick axe 20 times into innocent victims is a crime punishable only by death.

Karla Faye Tucker, Texan prisoner and born-again Christian, murdered people who did not have a second to defend themselves. The victims were peacefully asleep when they were brutally murdered. Tucker committed these crimes while under the influence of a drug and alcohol cocktail.

'Tucker told the court how she plunged a picakaxe into the body of her ex-lover.'

The courts judged Tucker in a 70-minute trial where she was sentenced to the death penalty. Justice had been served.

I agree with the sentence of death because Tucker did not deny or even plead insanity for her crimes. She committed them and retold the story of how she plunged a pick axe into the body of her ex-lover. She told the courts when she discovered her lover cowering beneath the covers, she plunged the axe into his body and left it there.

This woman was evil enough to drive a blunt industrial-sized object into someone she formerly loved. She admitted to all of it. She deserved to die.

Tucker received the final sentence of death on Feb. 3. She died by way of lethal injection. The family of her victims can now put the evil she committed to rest.

Killing killers wrong idea

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

Is a "get tough against crime philosophy" good or bad?

In last weekend's edition of *The Toronto Star*, Karla Faye Tucker, of Texas, was featured on the second page with coverage of her appeal not to be executed this past Tuesday.

She was the first woman to be executed in Texas since the Civil War. The means of her death was by lethal injection.

Although this is an American case, changes in common law legislation in Canada have prevented us from executing convicted criminals. The irony is that the American's first name is Karla.

Would Karla Homolka, convicted in the deaths of two teenagers, be in prison if she had been sentenced under the American justice system? Is the Canadian system "just" when hardworking taxpayers keep criminals "safe and free" from society?

On the flipside, do citizens, Canadian or American, have the right to kill criminals? What justice is served? Are the victims' families at peace? Probably not.

When someone dies whom we cherish and love, nothing can take away the anger, the sadness and the hurt. No matter what the circumstance of the death, most people who grieve might agree that as much as they desire "getting even," they wouldn't wish the death of an individual.

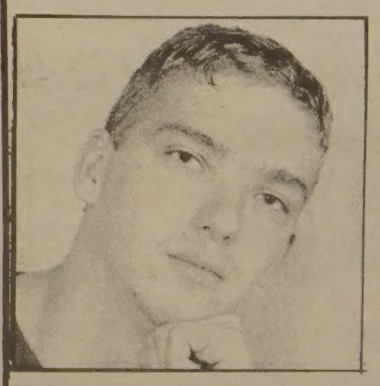
Yes, both these Karlas did brutal acts of violence leading to murder, as have many other criminals, male or female. Yes, there are a lot of lunatics in this world but these people do have parents, children, siblings, aunts or uncles. Their relatives may not be proud of them but the "eye for an eye" theory only brings hurt and grieving to the criminal's family.

"Getting tough against crime" is a good philosophy. It needs serious research before one takes a stand on such a controversial issue.

Two "wrongs" do not always make a "right."

Littlest Hobo moves on

Alex Halmai, 24, a second-year Journalism-Print program student from Mississauga, feeds the Littlest Hobo a biscuit.
Photo by Jeff Schelhas



By JEFF SCHELHAS
Staff Writer

"Maybe tomorrow I'll want to settle down. Until tomorrow I'll just keep moving on." Those are lines from the theme song of the television show The Littlest Hobo.

About 2 p.m. on Jan. 27, I was followed into Niagara College's Welland campus's Simcoe building by a wandering husky.

"There's a dog in the school," said Brenda Beaven, a 23-year-old second-year Journalism-Print program student.

When we walked into the newsroom the dog got a better greeting than I've ever had.

Some in the class decided "Littlest Hobo" would be an appropriate name for my new friend.

He was a strange dog entering our lives to bring an afternoon of happiness.

Littlest Hobo was happily fed roast beef from the Donut Diner and water out of a coffee mug. He was given a king's welcome by the students who were otherwise wrapped up in the hustle of editorial day.

We got the number off his tag and called the Welland Humane Society who told us they "knew" the dog and would arrive shortly. Littlest Hobo, apparently, frequently ventures far from home and the society often is called to recover him.

Before we gave him to the society, I tried to take him home. We made a leash, and found out from the society that he lived on First Avenue. I walked Hobo out to First Avenue and sent him home, but he just wanted to play.

Having him spend some time with us was a welcome change. We wanted to play too.

It's not easy being tall

By 'TALL' PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

What's so great about being the tallest guy in the world?

At 6-foot 4-inches I've bumped my head on low doorways much more often than the average person. As a result, I've knocked out a few of my hair follicles and, some would say, brain cells.

Being the tallest man in the world means having to feel extra guilty when there's no place left to sit in the theatre except in front of another person. What's so great about that? Tall people can be sensitive too.

Short people want to fight you more when you're the tallest man in the world — especially during the teenage years. They get angry because they're just realizing they're not going to grow any taller so they take out their hostilities on the tall guy. They somehow figure the tall guy stole their height so they fight you. That's no fun.

'Having your feet hang off the end of the bed is no fun for tall people.'

Being the tallest man in the world makes it easier for the police to spot me in a crowd — but that's all I'm going to say about that.

Tall people get their own brand of derogatory nicknames like "Stretch" and "Beanpole."

Good-fitting clothes are hard to find when you're the tallest man in the world. What's so great about that? Dressing like an idiot with pants that barely go to your ankles is not fun.

No, I didn't play basketball, so don't ask.

Being the tallest man on earth also means always having girlfriends considerably shorter than I am. Give me a woman I can look straight in the eye and I don't care if she's ugly as sin, I'll take her.

Having your feet hang off the end of the bed is no fun for tall people. And when you crash at a friend's place whose couch is only five feet long, that's no fun. Shorter people would get to stretch out comfortably without a care in the world.

Compact cars, the seats at Maple Leaf Gardens and submarines are none too fun when you're the tallest man in the world.

I could go on but that's all the room I have. So what's new?

HEALTH MATTERS

Treasured moments shed light on dementia

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

Several families turned out Saturday, Jan. 31, to attend Treasured Moments, a special program designed for children affected by a loved one suffering from memory loss.

Conducted by the family support staff of the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, the program shed light on the numerous difficulties arising from dementia.

Alzheimer Disease is the leading cause of dementia, a condition that includes symptoms such as memory loss, difficulties with judgment and reasoning and changes in mood and behavior.

With the use of visual aids the program was carried out so children and teenagers could gain a clearer understanding of the stressful problems which arise from this debilitating disease.

While the children were instructed in an entertaining manner, the adults met separately to share experiences and discuss some of the common threads that ran through each of their stories.

"This is a disease that can truly tear families apart," said Marge Dempsey, director of the family support program. "And usually it does."

The hardships the concerned people in attendance were enduring were evident.

One woman spoke of her daughter who had lost a full semester of school because she was learning to deal with her father's dementia.

David Higgins and Sylvia Baago, crisis counsellors with Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, brought home some of the problems associated with the disease.

"If a caregiver reaches a state of burnout, it's not often they come back," Higgins said.

"By that time they're physically, emotionally and spiritually drawn out," Baago added.

Although the organization was established in 1985, this was the first time the regional society has held a program especially for children.

The program was held at the Niagara Region Headquarters in St. Catharines.

The month of January is recognized as Alzheimer Month in Canada.

MAMMOMAT 3000 reduces test time

By PAUL JACKSTIES
Staff Writer

There'll be a high-profile performer bringing attention to a high-profile women's health issue on Feb. 15.

Singer Bryan Adams will perform a benefit concert. The proceeds will go to the breast screening centre at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

The clinic is located in its own section of the hospital so that women coming in for a routine examination don't experience the stressful surroundings that hospitals sometimes have. Instead, the atmosphere is relaxed with attention given to a feminine decorative style.

"Early (breast cancer) detection is what saves lives," said Gloria Annand, a nurse examiner with the centre.

She explains that a routine visit consists of the client viewing an eight-minute video on how to perform one's own breast examination. This is followed by a physical examination from a specially trained nurse. A mammogram concludes the visit.

"They really appreciate the individual attention," Annand said.

"The second phase of the program is that we are also an assessment centre, which is a feather in our cap, I think, for this region in that the only other one in Ontario is in Hamilton."

Besides the people who run the clinic, the heart of the place is in having some of the most advanced diagnostic technology available in Canada. If a suspicious lump or reading is discovered during a mammogram, the new MAMMOMAT 3000 Modular drastically reduces the time it takes to do a needle biopsy.

One of the main features of the equipment is that it is automatic exposure controlled. This means that the doctor can see on a screen if the needle has been inserted into the suspicious area for a biopsy. There is no waiting period for x-ray film to be developed, as there was with the old equipment.

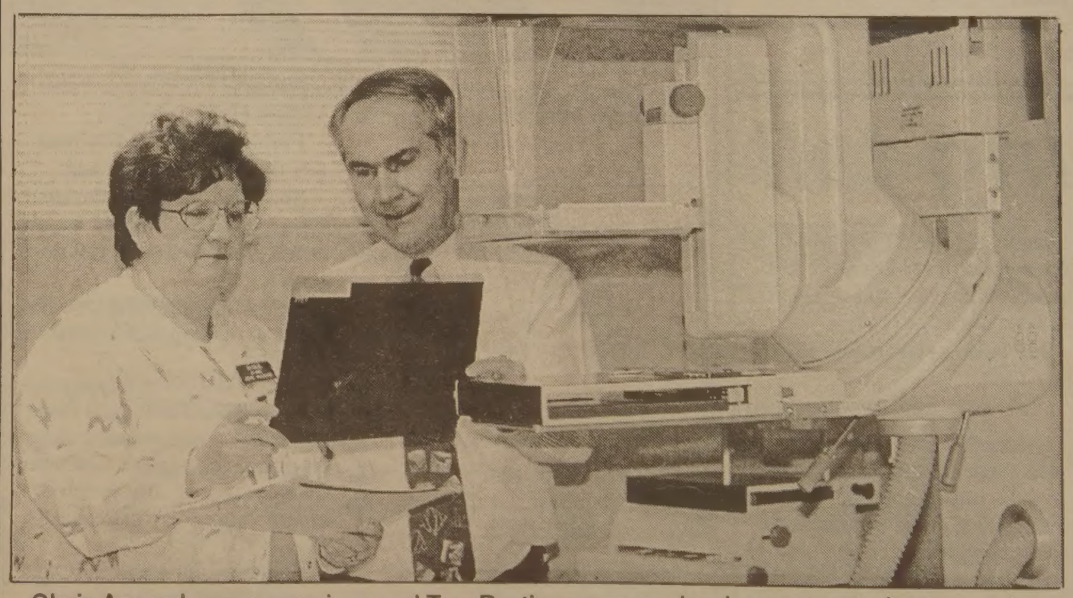
Tom Rastin is a programs development contract consultant at the hospital.

"This is state of the art," he said of the MAMMOMAT 3000 Modular.

"It's really designed with the patient in mind, as well as designed by input from the technologists that are using it."

The new $100,000-plus piece of equipment is one of two that the hospital owns. Other top-of-the-line purchases are expected to arrive at the clinic later in the year.

Information on the concert is available at 1-416-870-8000.



Gloria Annand, nurse examiner, and Tom Rastin, programs development consultant, examine a chart next to the MAMMOMAT 3000 Modular.

Photo by Paul Jacksties

Funding helps municipalities

By CARRIE WHITE
Staff Writer

It should be smooth sailing for municipalities as they take on responsibility for public health programs.

Ontario's Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer recently announced the province will provide one-time funding of $11.2 million for public health programs until March 3, 1999.

"This funding will help the transition for municipalities as they assume responsibility for public *health programs," said Witmer.*

In addition to this $11.26 million, the Ministry of Health will continue to provide funding for the following programs: $6.6 million for public health research, education and development funding, $2.2 million for speech and audiology funding, $1.8 million for programs in community-based speech agencies, $560,000 for genetics counselling and $100,000 for a sexual health hotline and resource center.

"This one-time investment reflects the province's strong commitment to ensuring a smooth transition of public health programs," said Witmer, in a press release issued by the Ontario government.

Dave Ross, briefing co-ordinator in the issues management unit for the Ministry of Health office, said "this transitional funding is an interim measure" to ensure that municipalities run smoothly with the *upcoming transition of funds.*

Ross said that $11.26 million should last until the end of the fiscal year, but the government will only provide these funds once. The $11.26 million will be shared by municipalities "all over the province."

Ross said one-time funding was estimated in the budget for the year.

Health report released

By BRENDA BEAVEN
Staff Writer

There's no health like good health.

The Niagara Regional Health Department released its annual health report, "Health is a Community Affair."

The four-page report was compiled by Dr. Robin Williams and Dr. David Klootz.

The cost of this report has not "yet" been tabulated, said Williams, of the health department.

A major part of the funding came from local businesses and organizations.

Williams said the report "served our need to tell everyone about the smoking bylaw." Publishing the report in local papers was to "ensure" the regional community understands the kinds of services offered.

Written and telephone feedback was "excellent," said Williams.

The health department offers a wide range of services, including courses in preparing for parenthood, mental health and healthy lifestyles workshops, vaccinations to prevent and control diseases, school nursing services, birth control counselling, dental care and information on the new smoking bylaw.

For information on these services, call (905) 688-3762.

Over-the-counter painkillers not always used for same relief

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

"Take two Aspirins and call me in the morning" may sound like good advice, but it depends on why you're taking them.

To choose the best painkiller, you must know what kind of pain you have and what's causing it.

Three common types of over-the-counter pain relievers are acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), acetaminophen and ibuprofen.

ASA is found in brand names such as Aspirin, Anacin and Bufferin.

Tylenol is the popular brand containing acetaminophen. Excedrin BM also is in this category.

Ibuprofen is the active ingredient in Advil and Motrin IB.

Not all pain relievers do the same thing or work for the same pain.

"Tune in to where your body is at and how you want to treat it," said college nurse Carolyn Hurst.

ASA and ibuprofen relieve pain, fever and inflammation, whereas acetaminophen is used for pain and fever.

Not only should you be aware of what you are taking and why, you must know if you can and how often.

"Read the labels on the bottles and follow the directions exactly," said Hurst. "Do not exceed the 24-hour limit. If it says four hours, it means four hours."

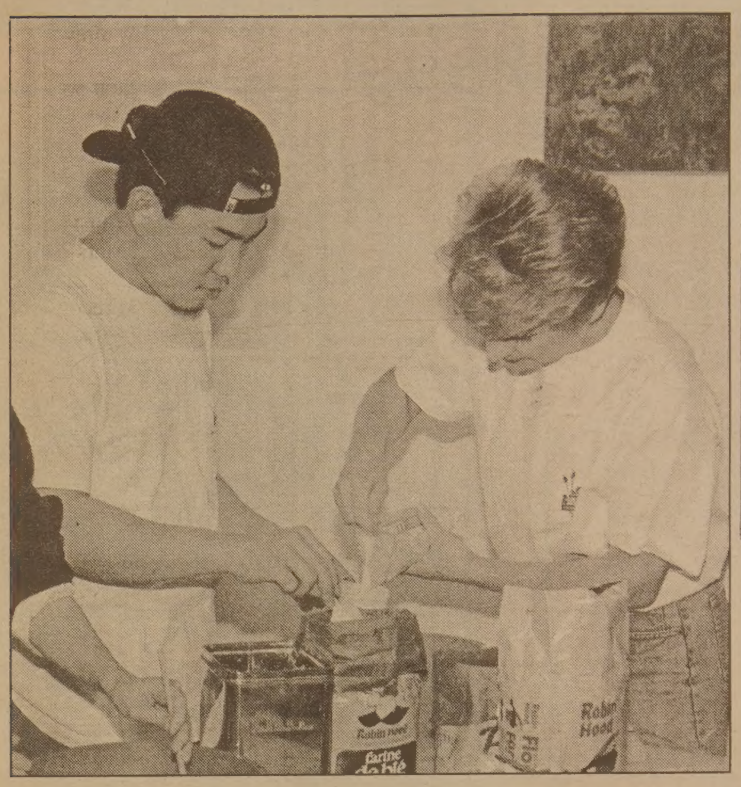
"More is not better!"

It's important to read instructions provided on the box and on any literature inside. Many companies include information hotline phone numbers on the box for consumer inquiries.

For more information on which painkillers are right for you, talk to your family doctor or local pharmacist.

INTERNATIONAL

Bread-making part of learning culture



Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) program students visited the house of Mary Lou Eden, an ESL teacher, in Beamsville, Ont., to make bread on Jan. 31. At left, Ikuto Taketani, 19, of Japan, left, and Betty Ann Chandler, an ESL teacher, are co-operating to mix materials to make bread. Above, Angelita Soto, 23, of Mexico, left, and Maria Jose Parraga, 26, of Spain, are pretending to eat the bread dough for fun.

Photos by Minako Yamaguchi

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Try Canadian bread!

Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) students visited the house of Mary Lou Eden, an ESL teacher, on Jan. 31 and made "rich white bread."

At 1 p.m. 11 ESL students, along with Betty Ann Chandler, an ESL teacher, arrived at Eden's house in Beamsville, Ont., and Eden explained her original recipe for making the bread.

After washing their hands, each group of three ESL students started to mix the sugar, salt, yeast and flour.

Although they were asked not to drop the flour on the floor by Eden, some of the ESL students tried to blow off the flour, and some students had the flour on their clothes.

After mixing all the materials together, the students put the dough into large bowls and let it "rest" for a while.

As they waited, students played table tennis or cards, and some danced to a Spanish music tape, which Tomas Peralta, 20, brought from his country of Colombia.

Then, dividing the dough into three even pieces, students rolled up the loaves and put them into pans, and again let them "rest" for an hour.

During this time, Eden brought her "kids" to her backyard and showed students her dogs named Keats and Browning from the British poem *Purebred Border Collies*, but her 11 cats didn't show up.

Eden said she has had students over to make bread together once or twice a term since January 1992.

Eden said she started this because she brought her bread to the ESL party and everyone asked her how she made it.

"They (Asian students) have some curiosity about the wheat because they come from where people don't really eat bread or sandwiches, but rice," said Eden.

Once the dough had "rested" enough, the students started to bake the loaves for about 30 minutes. Then they tested to see if the loaves were baked or not by tapping the loaves and listening for a "wooden-sounding" echo.

All the students had wide smiles on their faces.

"It was good, interesting and exciting," said Yuka Aoyama, 22, of Japan, adding it was second time to visit "Mrs. E's house."

"I wanted to remember how to make the bread again. It smelt really good around the house," said Aoyama.

"I enjoyed making bread," said Peralta. "The bread looks very good. I also enjoyed talking with everyone."

After baking the bread, Eden drove students back to Welland before 6 p.m.

"Remember! There is going to be a test on Monday!" Eden joked to students.

"I really enjoy it," said Eden. "The kids are always helpful. It's fun to meet them socially, not as a teacher and student."

Experiencing Canadian winter

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

The Canadian winter has been quite an experience for new international students.

Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) program students had presentations entitled "How to Stay Warm in Winter" on Jan. 30.

ESL students were going to go skating for the cultural adaptation class, but it was rainy, and that made the ice bumpy in the morning.

Nancy Spada, an ESL teacher, had to cancel the skating again and reschedule the class.

"I was disappointed because I wanted to let them experience skating," said Spada, adding it was also a chance for international students to adopt the weather changing in Canada.

Then, in a discussion with Carolyn Ambrose, interim coordinator of the ESL program, Spada decided to have other ESL students come and have presentations, which they already had in Ambrose's class.

The presentation by Keiko Tsuchida and Kazutaka Horiike, both of Japan, was "How to drive in the snow and keep the car safe." They included some aids to be used in a traffic emergency.

For most international students, who come from where it snows only a few times, driving in the snow is described as a part of learning Canadian life.

"Keiko comes from a city that has quite a lot of snow in Japan, so that's why I chose her as my partner for this presentation because I thought she would know what it is like to drive in the snow," said Horiike, with a laugh.

"I'm sorry, but I have never driven in the snow before," apologized Tsuchida.

"I haven't had any really serious problem in the snow," said Horiike, adding roads in Canada are well constructed so drivers don't have to worry, compared with roads in his country.

Kiho Hyeon and Sang Hun Choi, both of Korea, did their presentation on how houses are kept warm for the winter in Korea and Canada.

In Korea, the floor is covered with stones to help the inhabitants keep away from the cold in the house, and in Canada you see a lot of houses that have furnaces and fireplaces, said Hyeon and Choi.

"The students (who presented) explained very well," said Maria Jose Parraga, of Spain. "It was very interesting."

"The presentations were wonderful," said Spada, adding the students gave us "useful" information about the winter in Canada.

Furry friends

Keiko Tsuchida, 23, of Japan, left, and Tomas Peralta, 20, of Colombia, both Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) program students, are making new friends with dogs named Keats and Browning, who belong to Mary Lou Eden, an ESL teacher in her backyard on Jan. 31.

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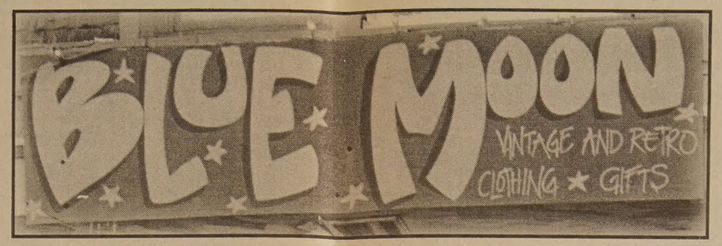

Photo by Tineke Bruinsma

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Distressed leather jackets, Jackie-O suits, dark glasses, soft velour tops and polyester prints are a part of retro and vintage fashion

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ENTERTAINMENT

Battling bands bring down house

The winners of the Battle of the Bands competition, which was held Feb. 2 at After Hours pub, were announced after all 17 bands performed. The first-place winner (top) was Big Boss, second-place winner (bottom) was Hyperion and third-place winner (right) was AZ 1.

All photos by Tracy Jay

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

As the crowds filled the After Hours pub at Niagara College, the air became hot with the musty smell of hundreds of students.

The pool tables were made good use of and crowds lined up at the bar for their drinks. The lights were dim and tables were packed with waiting students. The Battle of the Bands was under way.

As the bands played their 15 minutes of fame (usually three songs worth), the crowds drank and clapped to the talents, and no talents, of 17 bands.

Opinions varied throughout the crowd. Some liked the bands, some didn't, and some had strong feelings about a couple of the bands.

"Sure, Shot should be taken out and shot," said Mike McIntyre, 19, of St. Catharines. But he thought the setup was OK, although "it's kinda hot."

He said he would come back to the pub because "it's kinda homey," but he advises the organizers of the event to "do more research on the bands before they let them in."

While students played pool and continued to drink, others (well, two) got up and danced to some of the songs. The heat in the pub increased and the students became more drunk.

"I only liked two (of the bands)," said Dawn Mckee, 24, a graduate of the Construction Engineering and Architecture program at the college, although she noticed the people were "having fun."

The battle raged on, and students continued to drink. Some felt the effects of the liquid toxin and fell to the ground. Maybe they were praising the band, but probably they were unable to hold themselves up.

Back to the bar they went, until the contest was over, and the victors played their winning set.

The crowds poured out of the pub and walked or drove home to sleep off the effects of their night out and wake to another day.

Proia's After Hours' comedy funnier than Evil's

Comedian teases about Chretien, Newfoundlanders

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

It was a full house to watch two comedians at the Welland campus pub on Jan. 28.

Freddy Proia and Dave Evil joked and teased about everyone from Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien to Italians to women during their show at After Hours.

Proia, originally from Thorold, started his act by talking about his own experiences.

His career has allowed him to travel across Canada. His most recent stop was in Newfoundland.

"The people there aren't the brightest," he said, as he mocked the way Newfoundlanders speak.

Next, he talked about Canada.

Proia says he is a proud Canadian. "It is a very non-violent country. We don't have to worry about driveby shootings, but maybe driveby slushings."

No comedian could go without making fun of Chretien. "His face looks like an ex-NHL (National Hockey League) goalie," says Proia.

He did some excellent impressions of Chretien, rap artist Vanilla Ice, wrestlers Macho Man Savage and Hulk Hogan, and singer Stompin' Tom Connors.

Since Canadians are great hockey fans, he made fun of a few teams.

He says Buffalo Sabre fans tend to overreact just a bit.

Why couldn't they have "Golf Night in Canada instead? That would be a laugh. Go, Chi Chi, go!" says Proia.

Next, he was on to women.

"Women have all the power and control. They have the ticket to the 'roller coaster.' They control size, how long you can ride it, and when you can ride it."

Proia says he only prays he doesn't fall off the track.

Poking fun at Italians or, as he referred to them, the "Gino" population of Thorold, his act ended with the audience laughing.

He covered everything from how Italians prepare for dates to their magically growing genital hairspray bottle.

Evil, of Vancouver, was not as funny as Proia, but he had his moments.

His favorite saying during his act was "drinking and partying."

Evil seemed to say the phrase after every humorous anecdote.

He started his act by introducing himself by what his friends refer to him as — an "alcoholic."

Evil suggested he invented a 12-step program, but instead of "Alcoholics Anonymous, it would be Alcoholics Unanimous."

Evil encouraged smoking. "To smokers: keep smoking. To the non-smokers: start."

He told stories about driving and disobeying the rules of the road.

"If only you could drive as fast as your IQ, only the police would fall over," he joked.

Court was his next subject. "Always call the judge 'Your Honor,' not 'Your Buddy.'"

One of his pet peeves seemed to be "bingo brainiacs."

"These are people that have 20 cards in front of them and still insist on dabbing your card," says Evil.

He moved on to a comedian's favorite topic and picked on women and PMS, referring to it as "Punch My Spouse, or Pull My Shaft."

Freddy Proia performs at the After Hours on Jan. 28. Check him out in the last episode of television's Seinfeld as Newman's younger brother.

Photo by Crystal Older

ENTERTAINMENT

Spielberg does it again

By PAUL JACKSTIES
The Video Guy

Now available on video, *The Lost World: Jurassic Park* is as entertaining and suspense filled as the original.

Steven Spielberg, Hollywood's wunderkind, is once again behind the camera to direct this follow-up to his smash hit *Jurassic Park.*

Nevermind this film has actors Jeff Goldblum and Julianne Moore, who along with the rest of the cast put in fine performances.

This film has dinosaurs. People-eating dinosaurs no less. They're the real scene stealers in this big-budget action science fiction flick. Front, back and centre these (for the most part) computer-generated creatures feature in a big way.

I was reminded while watching this video of an old childhood favorite film *Gorgo.* In this oldie, a dinosaur is discovered, captured and brought to the city.

Another dinosaur comes in pursuit and wreaks havok. In the end it's discovered the second dinosaur was only after its baby.

The similarities between these two films are so strong it just shows that the newer something becomes, the older it gets.

The same could be said about director Wes Craven's *Scream,* this week's Video Guy movie number two. This killer-on-the-loose, gonna-cut-you-up pseudo horror flick just didn't — ah — cut it.

When the totally bodacious (note to editor — I would not have used the questionable word 'bodacious' in any of my other stories but thought it would be okay to have some fun here) Sydney (played by equally bodacious Neve Campbell) says about horror films, "They're all the same. Some stupid killer stalking some big-breasted girl who can't act, who's always running up the stairs when she should be running out the door, it's insulting."

She pretty much sums up *Scream.*

The killer in this movie has full beer bottles broken in his face, doors slammed on his head and kicks to the groin. You have to laugh at him he's such a klutz.

He's like a Jerry Lewis character trying to be a psycho. It's a wonder this guy isn't in the hospital himself when instead he's out hunting his next victim.

When the big mystery is revealed in the end as to who is hiding behind the stupid mask there's so much blood covering all the characters you can't tell who's who anyway.

The only scary thing about this movie is that they're still letting Wes Craven direct.

I guess I should have known better than to expect to be entertained by this type of flick.

No doubt I would have been 10 years ago. Maybe next week the Video Guy will act his age and review something sophisticated and mature like an Atom Egoyan film or something. But don't bet on it.

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Cancer, 'don't disappoint'

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 21 to April 19) — It's time to venture out into the world. Go out for a night on the town and take that special someone with you. This will give you a chance to learn more about that person.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — Your night hanging out at home proved to be quite interesting. You learned a lot about your friends. What to do with your newfound information? Can you face your friends knowing what you now know about them?

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — Giving up the things you love can often be hard. Remember, letting go is for the best. You will feel revitalized and much better in the long run.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — Your spending urge is now beginning to settle down. You no longer have the need, but remember that special someone may be disappointed by your lack of action.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — Your life is smooth sailing these days. You are full of energy and it shows. Now is the time to set yourself to work. Get all your tasks done while you feel up to it.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — You're back in the swing of things. Even though you don't feel up to the challenge, you must keep your head up. Try to look at things positively.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — Don't fret. Worrying never solved anything. Tackle your problems head-on. It will be easier to overcome the bumps in the road if you drive straight over them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) — You and that special someone really know how to have a good time. A night at home or an evening on the town is enough to satisfy both of you. This certain someone is truly made for you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — You may be feeling under the weather quite a bit this month. Plenty of rest and a lot of quiet time are just what you need. Take time for yourself and everything will soon be better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — You seem to be dragging your feet behind you these days. You can't always be on top of the game. Don't try so hard and you'll find things will come easier.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — You are feeling refreshed and ready to go. Take this opportunity to pamper yourself and others in your life. It will be rewarding for all involved.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — Your transformation is nearly complete. Everything in your life seems to be perfect. Don't let appearances deceive you.

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Geon Canada pledges support

College receives first cheque of five-year instalment

By DAVID CONROY
Staff Writer

Geon Canada Inc., of Niagara Falls, has a strong history of helping Niagara College.

The company presented college President Dan Patterson with a cheque for $5,000 on Jan. 23.

The cheque presentation marks the first instalment of the company's five-year, $25,000 pledge to the college.

An ongoing campaign, Niagara: the Next Century Capital Campaign, is aimed at raising funds to build the college's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake and renovate the Welland campus. The Glendale campus is to open in September.

Geon, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, is a top producer of vinyl compounds used in vinyl siding, appliances, bottles and packaging, pipe and pipe fittings, wire and wire cable, and in the medical and automotive industries.

The company locally employs 175 people and has more than 1,800 employees worldwide with close to $1.5 billion in sales.

Geon is the world's largest merchant producer of vinyl compounds and in 1993 became the only North American public company solely dedicated to the development of vinyl.

Ron Davis, plant manager, and Charles Kelly, chief administrative officer, presented the donation to Patterson and Christopher Blake, executive director, Niagara College Foundation, the college's money-raising arm.

"It's fabulous for us to get support from regional companies," said Blake, "especially a company like Geon that we work with. A lot of graduates move on to work with Geon and it's a reflection of the good work the college does in the community and it's a justification.

"It shows we're doing the right thing — it's a great gesture of support — and we're really happy to work with Geon and appreciate their support."

'We're grateful to Geon Canada Inc. for its support of our capital campaign."
— Dan Patterson

Davis said Niagara College graduates are "major contributors" to Geon Canada Inc., which obtains skilled graduates from Niagara's programs like manufacturing engineering technology and business programs.

Kelly said a lot of others have moved on to continuing education programs and are gaining specialized computer training.

"Geon Canada has always been conscious of its role in the Niagara Region's economy and takes great pride in supporting Niagara College, which plays such a vital role in keeping that economy humming," said Kelly.

"We employ a significant number of Niagara College graduates who continue to use the college for training and upgrading. We believe in the college and its future."

Patterson said he was happy to get the support from Geon.

"We're grateful to Geon Canada Inc. for its support of our capital campaign," he said. "Its recognition of the important role the college plays in the economic life of the Niagara Region is a sure sign that we're on the right track."

From left are Charles Kelly, chief administrative officer of Geon Canada Inc., Christopher Blake, executive director of the Niagara College Foundation, Ron Davis, plant manager of Geon and the president of Niagara College Dan Patterson. Geon presented the first instalment of a $25,000 donation to Niagara College Jan. 23.

Photo by David Conroy

Word on Campus

How do you change your eating habits in the winter so that you don't gain extra weight?

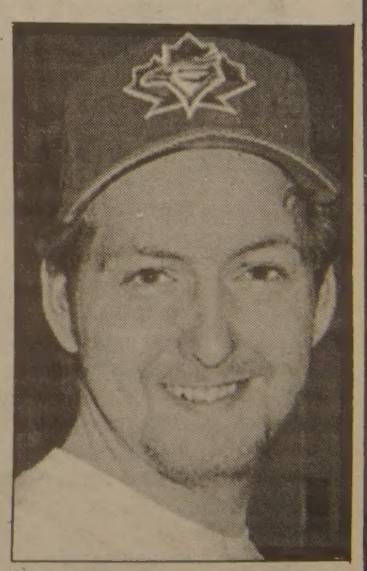
By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Lucy Obad, 22, of Oakville, a first-year Dental Office-Administration program student, says, "I try not to eat after 6 p.m. or before I go to bed."

Tanya Cline, 19, of Niagara Falls, a first-year Business Administration program student, says, "I eat less!"

Tamarah Sears, 19, of Woodstock, a first-year Business Administration program student, says, "I don't eat any candy, and I take vitamins."

Trina Colitti, 20, of Welland, a first-year Call Centre management program student, says, "I exercise and eat lighter foods. I also eat a lot of veggies and fruits."



Chris Devine, 22, of Niagara Falls, a second-year General Arts and Science program student, says, "I drink more milk, and I generally include exercise by keeping active in the school gym."

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Absentees hurt Knights' game

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

With an injured Anthony Heyes looking on and an absent Mike George, the Niagara College's men's basketball team dropped an important match against the first-place Hamilton Mohawk Mountaineers 73-58 on Jan. 31.

The college's basketball team has five wins and two defeats and is third in the West Region with five games remaining.

Niagara's Mike Conradi, replacing the absent George at the guard position, opened the scoring with two points. Steve Boyle notched three straight baskets for Niagara, keeping the Knights close in the first five minutes with a 8-8 tie.

Mohawk began to take control after putting up 22 straight points on the board, giving them the handle on the game going into the half leading 46-24.

Niagara pounded out 34 points in the second-half including 14 from Mike Harris, but that wasn't enough as Mohawk went on to win 73-58.

"I tried my hardest in the second half to get this game back, but after playing 40 minutes I ran out of gas at the end," said Niagara's Harris.

"He was fabulous in the game and he is definitely one of the best players in the country and he is a coach's dream and a superb person," said Jeff MacDonald, Niagara's head coach.

Harris led the Knights with 22 points for the game. With 10 points in the first-half, Steve Boyle dropped two three-pointers in the second-half and managed 16 points before fouling out with 10 minutes left in the game. The rookie Marcus O'Connor started the game for the injured Heyes and added 10 points.

"This wasn't a good test of the two teams we didn't play well and they didn't play any better," said Mohawk head coach Frank Lostracco of Welland.

"We accomplished every goal we set for ourselves in this game. We didn't cave in and we learned how to adapt without having Tony (Anthony Heyes) or Mike (George), which makes us a stronger team and reveals positive character," said MacDonald.

George missed the game because of previous arrangements. Heyes is out with an injured ankle.

Heyes said he is unsure when he will make his return to the team, but his ankle is "getting stronger," and he should be back before the playoffs.

The Knights have five games remaining, including two important matches. One is at Hamilton's Mohawk College and one with the second-place Windsor's St. Clair College. These games will determine Niagara's playoff position.

"These next games come down to wins. The players understand this loss but it will be hard to stomach any other losses," said MacDonald.

"We don't want to come in third (in the West Region) and we don't want to play this team in the playoffs."

Niagara will visit the second place St. Clair College tonight at 8 p.m. and then head to Sarnia's Lambton College on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Allen Ivey, of Niagara College, gets fouled by Jason Newton, #22, of Mohawk College, while taking the ball hard to the basket. First place Mohawk won the game 73-58.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Team of the Week

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

The Lady Knights have been named Team of the Week.

The women's volleyball team won their fourth and fifth consecutive matches.

On Jan. 30, they defeated Sault College of Sault Ste. Marie in three straight matches by the scores of 15-11, 15-6 and 15-9.

Co-captain Laura Chatterton, 21, of the Recreation and Leisure program, had 10 kills and two serve aces and Liana Collins, 20, of the Recreation and Leisure program, had eight kills and two serve aces.

Co-captain Kim Clifford, 21, of the Interactive Multimedia program, served well with six serve aces.

Sault College was back for more action on Jan. 31.

The Knights looked flat in the match, making a lot of unforced errors, but they battled back to win in five matches by the scores of 15-13, 10-15, 15-6, 12-15 and 15-13.

Chatterton collected 47 points in total offense this week and currently sits in fifth place in the West region scoring standings with 3.8 points per game.

Collins had 16 kills and one block.

She cashed in with 45 points in total offense and is third in the scoring standings with 7.1 points per game.

Athletic director Ray Sarkis said, "Laura and Liana have been the backbone of the team all year and their consistent play has rubbed off."

The win gives Niagara second place position in league standings with only two matches left in the season.

On Friday, Feb.6 they travel to Windsor and Sarnia to take on St. Clair and Lambton College.

Lady Knights win third game

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Kristin Flindall, Trinity Smith and Kristin Davies all scored double digits to climb the Niagara Knights women's basketball team over the Mohawk College Mountaineers of Hamilton, 58-47 on Jan. 31.

With the 58-47 win, Niagara improved its record to three wins and seven losses and have moved into seventh place in the West Region.

Niagara jumped out in front early in this game, quickly grabbing an 8-2 lead. Thirteen first-half points from Kristin Flindall, 11 from Trinity Smith and seven added by Kristin Davies gave Niagara the 41-24 lead at the half.

"Our first-half carried us through the game. We gained confidence from the start that kept us in it all the way," said Niagara head coach Tara Petrachenko.

Kristin Flindall

"We are getting better and better as a team and our improvement is outstanding."

Niagara scored only 17 points in the second half, but that was enough to hold onto the 58-47 victory.

Flindall led scorers with 19 points, Smith had 15 points and Davies scored 14.

"We knew this was an important game for standings, we played hard and we showed them what we can do," said Flindall.

"We were hot and things were falling for us," said Niagara guard Davies.

"Mohawk has lost a few players, and we beat them earlier in preseason in a really good game," said Knights guard Andrea Flindall.

"We hustled the whole game and it felt great to win."

Niagara's next hoop action will be at home against North York's Seneca College on tonight at 6 p.m.

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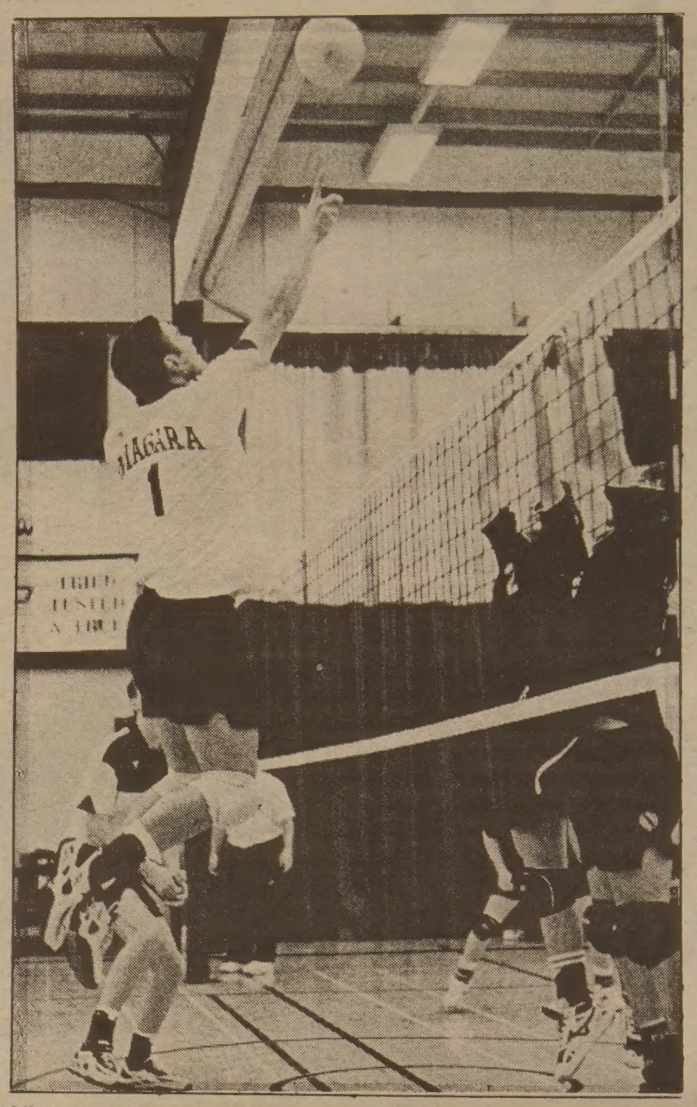

Niagara's Cameron Jacobs soars above the net in league action play against Sault College on Jan. 30.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Fast break action

Kristin Davies charges to the basket on a breakaway during the team's third league win against Mohawk College on Jan. 31.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Knights battle for first place

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Shawn Reimer's return solidified the middle position and the 3-0 victory for the Niagara College men's volleyball team over North York's Seneca College in the Knights' second last match of the season here on Jan. 30.

The scores were 15-10, 15-6 and 15-9. The team is in first place with a 9-2 record.

Niagara jumped out in front 2-1 after a serve ace by Niagara's Ian MacDonald. Seneca called a time-out when Niagara led 6-2 who went on to win the game 15-10.

A serve ace by Niagara's Chris Vail to end the second game gave Niagara a 15-6 win and a 2-0 advatage.

The Knights never slowed down in the third game taking a quick 5-0 lead. Vail once again ended the game (15-9) with a serve ace and the match 3-0.

"This was an important game for either team to maintain second-place," said head coach Blair Cudmore. "We played half decent, it wasn't an exciting game but we played well.

"I'm happy we have Shawn back and we have two strong middles again and I am a little more confident with the team even though Kerby is still out."

"We played a good game and when they won at the first of the season we proved that was a fluke," said Corey McKeown.

"We didn't really show up and Niagara played extremely well. We are quite undersized compared to them," said Ed Drakich, Seneca head coach.

Paul Clark led Niagara with seven kills and four blocks. McKeown added a solid performance with seven kills and two blocks. Chris Wiersma had six kills, two blocks and one serve ace. In Reimer's return, he added four kills and three blocks.

Reimer has been absent from the Knights for some time because he was helping a friend deal with cancer.

"Volleyball wasn't my first priority at the time, but I'm glad to be back with team and playing my favorite sport," he said Reimer.

Niagara is second in the West Region with eight wins and two losses. They will face Etobicoke's Humber College for first place.

"This is a do-or-die situation because the first-place team gets to sit at home for a couple weeks while the other teams play for two weeks. Our team needs the time because of our injuries," said McKeown.

"It is essential for us to end up in first place. Humber is a big rivalry and it time to settle that once and for all," said Riemer.

Niagara will battle for first place in the West Region in its last game of the season at Etobicoke on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Women beat 'arch rivals'

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

Niagara College's women's volleyball team defeated the second place Redeemer College Royals in three games on Jan. 28.

In the first game, Niagara defeated the Ancaster school 15-6.

Cindy Jarry, 19, of St. Catharines, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, said, "The first game started off well and then we started to fall apart, but then we got it back together."

Niagara won the last two games 15-10, and 15-8.

"It was an important game," said Niagara coach Carolyn Schatz, adding the teams are "arch rivals."

"Niagara controlled the game for all three matches," said Schatz, explaining the team had several service errors and net violations that need to be worked on.

Niagara had 47 kills during the games. Top players were Liana Collins with 17 kills and Laura Chatterton with 14 kills.

"We could have served a lot better," said Collins, 20, of Welland, a first-year Recreation and Leisure Services program student. "If we could have served better, we would have walked all over them.

"That was a big game of the season."

Collins said the two teams have met twice before during the season.

Redeemer beat Niagara both times.

"It all came together tonight," said Chatterton, 22, of St. Catharines, a Special Events Management post-graduate program student. "That was a big one (game). Our goal was to beat them in three games. It was perfect."

The women's next volleyball game is against St. Clair College in Windsor tonight. They play Saturday at Sarnia's Lambton College.

Corrections

In the Niagara News edition of Jan. 30 (Volume 28, No. 9) on page 6 under "Celebrity Chef," we incorrectly spelled the name of Port Colborne's mayor. The correct spelling should be Vance Badawey.

We apologize for any embarrassment this error may have caused.

In the Niagara News edition of Jan. 23 on page 8 in the report headlined "'Profound regret' in apology" Wendy Johnson-Martin, manager of Niagara College's Aboriginal Education Access Office, wishes to clarify the fact Russ Blackbird's comments are his personal opinion and observations. Blackbird is the aboriginal cultural promotion and outreach officer at Niagara College. The comments made were not statements on behalf of his position within the college or on behalf of the Aboriginal Education Access Office.

Also in the Jan. 23 edition, students in a story about the Little NHL are in the Business Sales program in their fourth term of their graduating year and not in the Marketing program.

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SPORTS

Canada's best goes for gold

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

A competition of a lifetime is what athletes around the world are anticipating as they gather in Nagano, Japan, this month.

Tonight, Japan celebrates the color of the Winter Olympic Games' opening ceremonies as it hosts the world for 15 days of competition and fun.

Sports teams will be parading in their national colors behind their flags, representing their country's best of the best in the challenge for gold, silver and bronze.

Women's hockey will be a closely watched event as will be snowboarding. Both are making their Olympic debut.

Canadians are among the top contenders in many of the events.

Mark Fawcett, 26, of Saint John, N.B., will be competing in the snowboarding freestyle half-pipe event.

Professional hockey players will be allowed to compete for the first time for medals.

The Canadians to watch are the skiing team called the Canadian Air Force. The team performs aerials in which skiers glide down a ramp, twist and turn in the air, then land solidly at the foot of the hill. The competition includes a mogul run, a mixture of bumps and jumps, navigated while hurtling downhill.

Team leaders are Nicolas Fontaine, of Montreal, and two-time gold medalist in the 1994 games Jean-Luc Brassard, 25, of Grand-Ile, Que.

Curling skips Mike Harris, 30, of Toronto, of the men's team, and Sandra Schmirler, 34, of Regina, for the women's team, are medal contenders.

The bobsled team, with former 200m track champion Ricardo Greenidge, of Ottawa, will give Germany and Italy a run for the gold.

The controversial clap skates, used in speed skating, have been approved for this Olympic competition. The skates were designed to keep the blade on the ice for a longer time. Attempts by some countries to have them banned failed. These countries had contended they were at a disadvantage because of the shorter practice time their competitors had with the new equipment.

Canadian speedskater Catriona LeMay Doan, 27, of Saskatoon, set the world record in the 500m (37.55 seconds) and the 1,500m (one minute and 57.87 seconds). Jeremy Wortherspoon, 21, of Red Deer, Alta., holds a world record in the 1000m with one minute and 10.16 seconds. Both are being considered the ones to beat.

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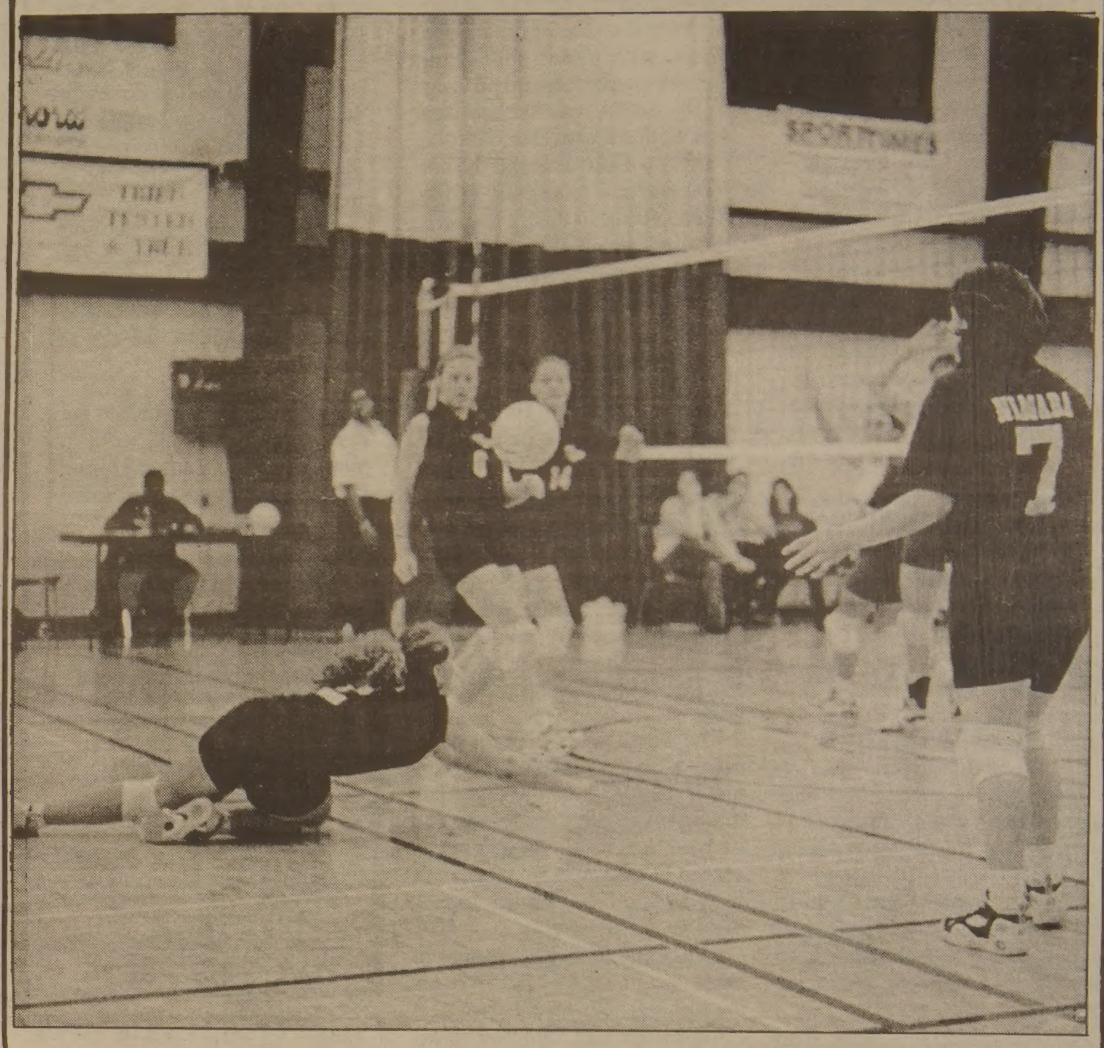

Niagara's Liana Collins dives for the ball in volleyball action against Sault College on Jan. 31. The teams also played Jan. 30. See story on page 15.

Photo by Andrea Flindall

Straight to the basket

Marcus O'Connor goes up for a lay up on Jan. 31 while being fouled by Goran Franjesevic of Hamilton's Mohawk College.

Photo by Mark Riehl

Ontario College Athletics Association West Region Standings

Men's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Mohawk	8	8	0	16
St. Clair	8	6	2	12
Niagara	7	5	2	10
Sault	12	5	7	10
Redeemer	8	3	5	6
Fanshawe	9	2	7	4
Lambton	8	1	7	2

Women's Basketball

Team	GP	W	L	PTS
Humber	10	10	0	20
Seneca	9	8	1	16
Fanshawe	11	8	3	16
George Brown	9	4	5	8
Durham	10	4	6	8
Mohawk	10	3	7	6
Niagara	10	3	7	6
Georgian	11	0	11	0

Men's Volleyball

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Niagara	11	9	2	30	11	18
Humber	9	8	1	25	8	16
Cambrian	10	6	4	22	16	12
Seneca	10	6	4	19	19	12
Mohawk	8	3	5	15	16	6
Georgian	10	1	9	6	28	2
Redeemer	10	1	9	9	28	2

Women's Volleyball

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Sheridan	11	10	1	32	6	20
Redeemer	10	7	3	22	16	14
Niagara	10	7	3	23	12	14
St. Clair	8	4	4	16	15	8
Lambton	10	3	7	12	24	6
Sault	10	3	7	14	22	6
Mohawk	9	0	9	3	27	0

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Get money's worth at eatery

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

On my never-ending search on a limited budget to find good restaurants, I've found another winner.

I don't know if Niagara has more than its fair share of good restaurants or I just have phenomenal luck, but Welland's Canton House on Ontario Road is worth a visit.

My two ever-faithful companions and I decided to try Welland this week in the search for a champagne restaurant on our beer budget. As we drove the streets, we saw a sign stating "All you can eat buffet — $7.99." Being adventurous, we went in.

As we were shown to our seats, we noticed the attractively decorated room. The teal green and peach decor was tasteful with just the right sprinkling of Oriental prints. The room was clean, with tables spread far enough apart to ensure privacy.

The buffet was divided into two sections, with the cold food buffet on a side wall and the hot food buffet in the centre of the room. The cold buffet featured the usual macaroni, potato and lettuce salads, nothing to really set it apart from any other salad bar.

Then we moved on to the hot buffet and were greeted with a wide selection of foods that looked easy on the palate. The black pepper chicken was tender and delicious, as was the beef and green peppers.

The staff was very helpful. Since one of my companions can't eat pork for religious reasons, the staff walked him through the buffet, explaining which dishes he should eliminate. The wait staff removes the used plates as you finish each visit to the buffet, so no one can guess how many trips you've made.

I can guarantee we ate more than our fair share of the buffet and walked away very satisfied. As a matter of fact, none of us looked for a snack the rest of the night.

At $7.99 I am convinced I got my money's worth. A word of warning to the Canton House: keep that buffet stocked because I will be back.

Excellent food, prices

Mmmm

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

Champagne tastes on a beer budget can put a person's finances on the rocks — but they don't have to.

I recently visited the Country Store Restaurant, on Main Street in Port Colborne, and managed to satisfy my champagne tastes yet not empty my wallet.

The 10-ounce New York strip steak I had was done to perfection and nearly melted in my mouth. Even though fish is not one of my favorite foods, my companion's sole on wild rice looked rather appetizing.

The decor is reminiscent of the mercantile stores of a long ago era, and the fireplace at the end of the dining room gives the room a hint of romance. The swamp water served in a Mason jar makes you look around for Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The best part is that a dinner for three cost under $40 and I still had enough left over for a beer.

On Friday and Saturday nights, live country music is offered.

Friendly service and low prices combine to make this a great dining experience.

COIN helping adults get work for 7 years

Magazine helps unemployed

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

COIN magazine makes a lot of cents.

Karen Shmidt, 33, of Dunnville, is the program manager of COIN (Career Opportunity Information Network) magazine.

COIN is a magazine for "any adult who is unemployed or underemployed" Shmidt said, adding the magazine has been in circulation for seven years.

The magazine is published quarterly and 22,000 copies are circulated throughout the Niagara Region. There are 155 locations to which Shmidt personally delivers COIN, and a mailing list of 60 spots elsewhere in Canada.

COIN is funded by Human Resources Development Canada and the Business Education Council. The magazine includes information on upcoming training opportunities, job search assistance and entrepreneurial options. Services, requirements, starting dates and contacts are listed for all three.

A "For Your Information" page lists upcoming events, meeting schedules and workshops. Key information concerning Niagara College is listed, giving important dates and information about what's going on around campus.

Shmidt said she receives her information from a "network of agencies. I know a lot of people."

There are 35 employees at COIN who help gather information throughout the region.

Shmidt describes her job as "doing a lot of different things," including distributing a newsletter.

CORRECTION OF THE CORRECTION NOTICE

The correction of the Marigold International Travellers Hostel which appeared in the Jan. 30,1998 edition of the Niagara News was also wrong.

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What goes around, comes around

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

It's a classic saying but it is true: history always repeats itself.

Fashion too has repeated itself over the years.

The fashions of our parents and grandparents have re-entered the current world of fashion and can be seen on the Paris runways.

In the 1940s, when wartime shortages ended, women wanted dresses with all the trimmings. A shirt dress boasting pockets, a pointed collar, cuffs and a long full skirt was a must. Pinstriped pants and greased back hair gave a classic look to a young gentleman.

In the 1950s crinolines made their way underneath every woman's dress, creating the ballerina look. Sweaters, ties and dress shirts were worn by the men of the 1950s.

The 1960s was an era when nobody wanted to grow up. Pastels, puffy sleeves and Peter Pan collars were worn by those on the best-dressed list.

Dresses took on an ethnic look with mod prints and thigh-skimming skirts. In the mid-60s, there was a British Invasion of boylike bodies and geometric dresses. Men tried to attempt the Beatle look early on and must have changed their minds with long hair, flowered prints and beads. This trend led to the hippy era, a decade of expressing yourself.

Women in the early 1970s wore dreamy dresses that were actually nightgowns. The "granny" look outlasted the decade.

T-shirts and bell bottom pants became a fad of the later 1970s. This decade was the disco era.

Fashion got physical in the 1980s when the aerobics craze hit and workwear came out of the gym. Hair took on the freeze look, and bright pink eyeshadow lit up the faces of women. Men grew their hair longer and wore jeans and leather jackets.

It is 1998 and we have seen neon, the return of baby doll dresses, Mary-Jane shoes, colored hair and the biggest return of all, polyester.

As we approach the year 2000, will we see the fashions from the past century again or will we become familiar with space suits and plastics?

Program not widely known

Skills taught are in great demand

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

A one-year program, not widely known, may land you a great job.

The skills taught in the one-year Pharmacy Assistant program are in great demand in the work world today.

Barbara Samol has been program co-ordinator since September, when she transferred from the Nursing program.

Samol says students were "fortunate" to have had Bobbi Gazzellone as their previous co-ordinator.

The program has a 200-hour work placement in a pharmacy setting, along with visits to drug companies.

The St. Catharines-based program is soon to have a home at the Welland campus.

The entry requirements for the program are an Ontario Secondary School diploma, a senior level English and a senior level chemistry.

Each high school or mature student's application will be looked at and taken into consideration, and all students are welcome, says Samol.

The students, after completing the program, could become licensed pharmacists, with additional schooling.

The experience students gain is also equivalent to that of an unlicensed health-care worker.

Thrift stores make comeback

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

What goes around comes around.

Clothing has distinguished one time period from another for centuries.

Be it the medievel times to the Elizabethan times, clothing has always been a way of self-expression.

In the past, clothing fads had faded away and those who thought they would never see them again have been pleasantly surprised.

Over the past two years, clothing from the 1960s and 1970s has been making a comeback.

Bell-bottomed pants and loudly colored and patterned polyester tops have made it back onto the runways and into our closets.

Thrift stores have also made a comeback. The thrift store has had a past reputation of being only for the poor, who couldn't afford regular high-priced clothing.

This reputation has changed with the revitalization of polyester and famous bell bottoms of the 1970s.

Young adults and teenagers have searched the closets of their parents and grandparents discovering the clothing they desire is no longer there. They have resorted to going to thrift stores and finding everything they want for half of the price of the newest runway designs.

"The best part about thrift stores is that there is usually only one item that looks like it in the store," said Bernie Meyer, owner of Blue Moon in St. Catharines, "unlike the big department stores where they have 10 to 15 of each size."

Many articles of clothing in style today are similar to the clothes our mothers and fathers wore when they were our age.

How many times have you looked through the photo albums and seen things you wished they had kept?

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Tupperware needed tool for musician

By PAUL BASWICK
Staff Writer

The secret to becoming a good street musician is finding the perfect Tupperware container.

That's the advice of Kevin Gibson, a local musician who has been bringing his music to the streets, or "busking," in the Niagara Region for more than five years.

"Get Tupperware," he says. "Pack a sandwich. You won't have to blow half the money you make busking on a bag of Ruffles just because you're starving by 10:30 in the morning."

Gibson, 23, also uses the containers to gather his daily busking profits.

"I'd forget to pick up the change people would throw into my guitar case. I'd pick up the case after playing, and the pennies would start a-pouring. The days I'd remember to fish out the coins, I'd have no place to put them, so Tupperware makes sense."

As in real estate, Gibson says a busker's success hinges on choosing the right location.

"Make sure you pick a town where people understand what busking is," he says.

Last summer, Gibson took his music unsuccessfully to the streets of Wainfleet, Ont.

"They didn't understand what I was doing," he says. "People just thought I was a beggar, and that I was just playing guitar to pass the time."

The two most profitable locations in the region, says Gibson, are in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Gibson has learned specific tips for specific locations from his years of experience.

Anyone busking in Niagara Falls, he says, "should get really familiar with the letters E, B and A." These are the three main chords in the Beatles' *Hey Jude*, which Gibson says he gets asked to play at least twice a day by tourists.

Gibson says Niagara Falls buskers should also get acquainted with the letters N, P and C, which stand for the Niagara Parks Commission.

Busking is licensed by the NPC in the city, and unlicensed performers risk facing a hefty fine.

Gibson says he would like to see a greater variety of street performers in the region.

"I play music, like anyone else," he says. "It would be nice to see more jugglers or mimes or poets, more of what you'd see at the busking festivals in Toronto and Kingston."

Gibson says the greatest innovation in his trade over the past few years has been the issuing of the two-dollar coin.

"People throw coins. The more value the government gives to coins, the better."

Education could cost students their dreams

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

A "Freeze the Fees" chant could be heard across Canada last week during the Day of Action.

University and college students and their supporters held a rally Jan. 28 to express their concerns about increasing tuition costs and decreases in student loans.

The rally was held at Brock University in St. Catharines. Students were waving signs with slogans such as "I hate banks" and "Mike Harris made me eat my dog."

Statistics Canada reports tuition rates in 1985 to 1995 had increased 200 per cent, while college fees have more than doubled in the same period.

Tuition costs have steadily increased 10 per cent every year since 1995. During those same ten years, the cost of living has increased 35 per cent, while the inflation rate went down and interest rates dropped.

Students were not alone in the demonstration. Teachers and members of their unions were joined by the local CAW 199, Golden Horseshoe Social Action Committee, Council of Canadians, parents and Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos.

The rally started with the local band Split Second playing in Isaac's. Then the protestors marched to Sean O'Sullivan Theatre where a panel of speakers included Kormos, Jason Basil Coolman, president of Brock University Student Union (BUSU), Lesley McMillan, former president of BUSU, Leny Holierhock, Campus Ministries, and Terry Carroll, representative of the Brock University Faculty Association.

"We're getting the shaft," a member of the audience said as he voiced his opinion about the tuition increases.

"You need an education to get a job, and you need a job to get an education," said another rallying student.

Brock students march through halls.
Photo by Kathleen McArthur

Barb Chamberlain, 40, a "lone" parent of two from Jordan Station, told the panel her story. Starting her education on a grant, for her first two terms, 10 years ago, she was subsidized by Family Benefits Allowance, which covered needed medical prescriptions, dental care and eyeglasses.

"When I first started, all of our medical expenses were covered," she said. "Thank you, Mr. Harris. Now if we get sick and need medicine or glasses it has to come from OSAP money.

"Lone parents who try to further themselves get knocked every direction," said Chamberlain, explaining the cuts have hurt lone parents in the sense the extra benefits which were once offered have now become a luxury.

"Since the Harris government has come into power, I feel that I have had both of my legs and my arms chopped off. Thank goodness I still have my head."

Chamberlain is working on her *master of education degree*. During her 10 years of education she has earned an honors bachelor of arts in history and sociology, and a bachelor of education.

"We know where that (education) is going," she said.

Chamberlain is qualified to teach junior and intermediate levels of education and has taken courses for teaching special needs children.

Tuition hikes brings students together

By BRENDA BEAVEN
Staff Writer

Skyrocketing tuition fees have given students a high level of debt.

Students were joined by faculty and members of organized labor unions in a National Day of Action against student debt on Jan. 28 at Brock University in St. Catharines.

Youth today are leaving post-secondary institutions with debts as high as $30,000 and no promise of employment.

Leslie McMillan, 25, of Toronto, former president of the Brock University Student Union, spoke of rising tuition rates. "There were 8,000 bankruptcies involving student loans in 1996, up from 3,000 in 1990."

Many European countries "greatly" subsidize their university students, McMillan said.

"The Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plan (ICLRP) is a program that dates back to 1995, as a method of reducing the role of the state in financing education," says information provided by the Canadian Federation of Students.

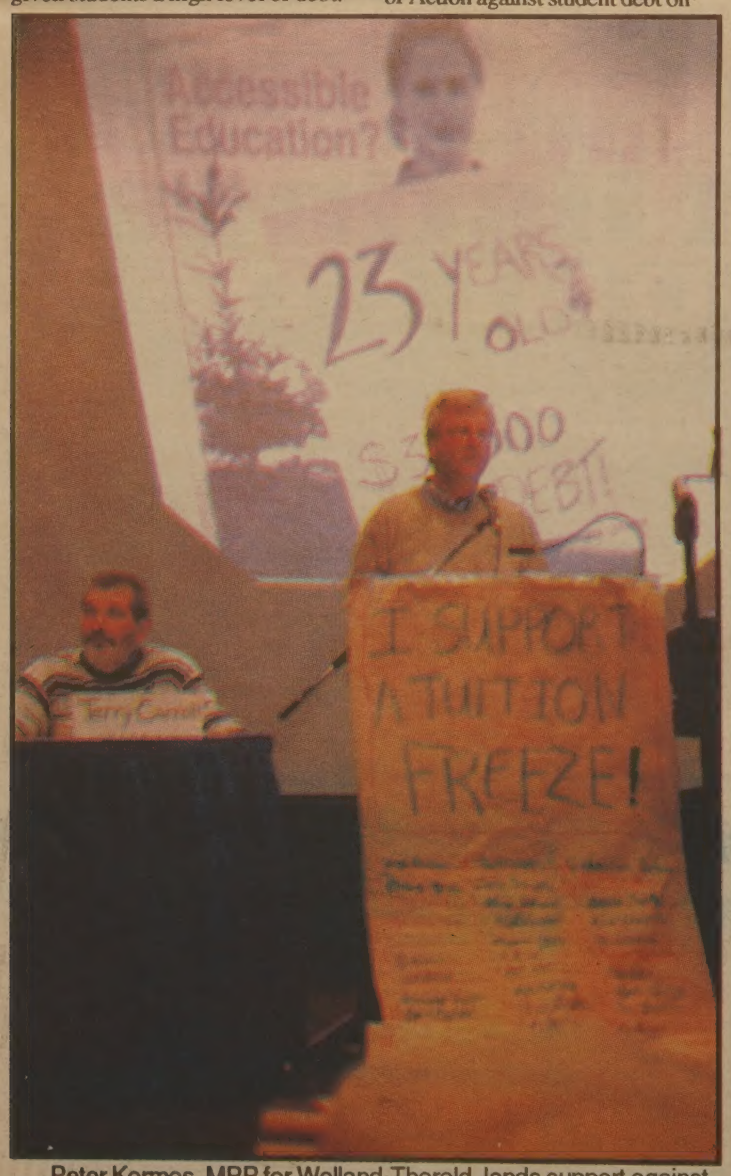
McMillan imterprets the program's acronym as: "I see long-range poverty."

She said 27 per cent of people with a post-secondary education live below the poverty line, and Ontario Student Assistance Program is not a "solution," but a "quick fix."

Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos said the Ontario government often talks about cutting the debt and deficit, but "you (the students) have a debt and a deficit!"

"You don't reduce debt and deficit by permitting only a small amount of young people to aspire to receive post-secondary education," said Kormos, adding the best way to reduce the debt is by getting people into "real" jobs with "real" wages.

Organized labor unions spoke of "shutting down St. Catharines" this spring.



Peter Kormos, MPP for Welland-Thorold, lends support against student debt at the Brock University rally.
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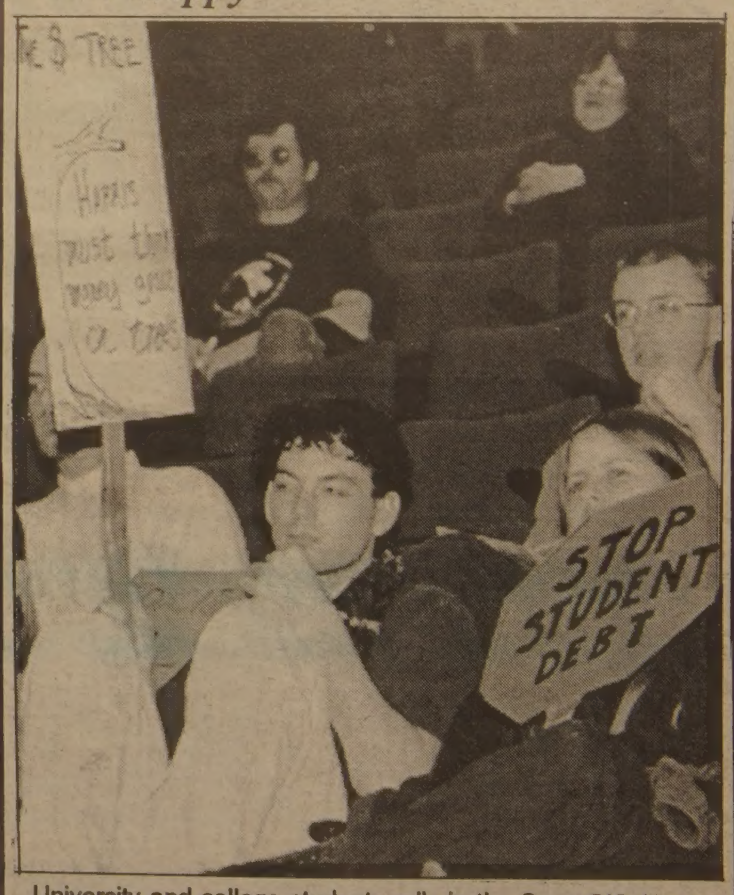

University and college students rally in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at Brock University to protest upcoming tuition hikes.
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